



Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál New Inn

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Dates to remember

- **Dec 5th & 6th**
Christmas Concert
(Wed 12.45pm &
Thursday 8pm)
- **Dec 21st - Friday**
Closing -
Christmas Hols
12noon
- **Jan 7th - Monday**
School reopens
- **Feb 14th & 15th**
Mid-Term
Thurs & Friday
- **March 18th - Mon**
Closed- St. Patrick's
- **May 14th -Tuesday -**
Confirmation
- **May 25th - Sat**
1st Holy Communion

CONVENT OF MERCY CLOSSES AFTER 135 YEARS

On **Wednesday 28th November** the Convent closed with the four remaining nuns departing for Convents in Cashel and Tipperary.

It is a sad day for the nuns especially Sr. Assumpta who entered here and spent most of her teaching career here. The children in the school presently are well used to Sr. Assumpta popping in and out to the school on a regular basis. While Sr. Assumpta has retired seven years now, she still always liked to keep in touch with the staff and pupils in Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál. The staff, in particular Mrs. Ryan, will miss her as she has always been a great source of wisdom and information. We wish all the four sisters every good wish, health and happiness in their new homes. The school will still remain a Mercy school and strive to continue to maintain the Mercy tradition, as we have done in the past.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The Board of Management would like to express their appreciation to everyone who has donated a voluntary contribution. This money was very much appreciated as our funds have been worryingly low. Should anyone feel they could make this contribution and hasn't done so yet, it's never too late!

CHRISTMAS DISCO

On **Friday 21st December** the Parents Council are holding a disco for all primary school children in the Community Centre, New Inn from 5.30pm - 7.30pm. Parents are encouraged to stay to help supervise with the younger children.

All children are to be collected promptly @ **7.30pm**. Please note that no child will be permitted to leave the hall unless a parent collects him/her at the door. Parents are asked to be vigilant and patient with the car parking facilities.

www.newinngirlschooll.ie

our website:

Don't forget to check out

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Without seeming presumptuous or ungrateful for gifts received in the past, teachers have requested that parents/pupils do not give Christmas presents to them this year, as we feel it is an unnecessary expense on families. Likewise, we would ask that children do not give out Christmas cards to each other. Many children are writing up to 50 cards. Instead it is intended that in each class children would pick a name from a hat of someone else in their class and be secretly extra kind and caring towards that person and on the day of the holidays would give that person a special Christmas card. (Similar to Kris Kindel). In that way everyone receives a card and the true meaning of Christmas may be cultivated in school and again unnecessary expense on families spared.

BAG PACKING

The Parents Council held a bag packing in SuperValu, Poppyfield, Clonmel on **Saturday 24th October** and have donated **€526.67** to the Board of Management. Many thanks for their great work. The Parents Council are also planning another fundraiser in the Spring, details to follow later. We hope you will support this also. The Board of Management would like to thank the Parents Council who have really stepped up to the mark when the chips were down, to try to raise much needed funding for the school. Please remember every child benefits so every family should help out. If you are not in a position to help financially, you may be able to help out in more practical or "hands on" ways. Your support is always appreciated.



Advent

From darkness
into the light

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 * Our annual concert takes a slightly dif- *
 * ferent twist this year with a matinee be- *
 * ing held on **Wednesday 5th @ 12.45pm** *
 * and **Thursday 6th** kicks off at the more *
 * traditional time of **8pm**. While going to *
 * print we are still in a state of panic! *
 * But on the night (day!) no doubt all will *
 * go according to plan?? *
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ORIENTEERING
 On **Wednesday 7th No- vember** the girls of 5th & 6th class went orienteering in Mulcahy Park, Clonmel. This event had been postponed in October due to heavy rain. The girls really enjoyed the mornings activity and it was something different to experience. Thanks to the Parents Council who sponsored the bus for this event.

A.S.A.P. has been running for the past four weeks, and has been a great success to date. We have approx 35 children from 1st to 4th class staying after school each Wednesday for sports and games. The success of this is mainly due to the great parental help received. A special word of thanks to Anne Clifford, Jennifer Grace, Eimear Grogan, Louise Matthia and Anne Maxwell who have been helping this term. Please note that there will be **no** A.S.A.P. on Wednesday 5th December and our next and final day this term will be on Wednesday 12th December.

POSTER COMPETITION
6th class have, over the past number of years, taken part in the Cashel Lions Club Peace Poster Competition, and did so again this year. Well done to **Aoife O' Connor** who was this years winner.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL
 Many thanks to those who supported the Shoe Box Appeal. We have been participating in this worthwhile cause for a number of years. This year 72 boxes were collected from the school. Once again thanks for your generosity.

